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SUBJECT: F-2 REQUEST FOR 2-WEEK IN-COUNTRY SCHOOLS

REFERENCE: BOGOTA 2035

1. REGRET DELAY IN RESPONSE TO REFTEL. HOWEVER, REQUEST FOR TWO IN-COUNTRY SCHOOLS LED US TO REVIEW AGAIN NARCOTICS TRAINING ASSESSMENT CONTAINED IN NCAP SUBMISSION AND RELATED REQUEST FOR CCINC FUNDED ASSISTANCE IN TRAINING AREA.

2. TRAINING ASSESSMENT LEADS TO CONCLUSION THAT F-2 TRAINING CAPABILITIES (AND TO SOMEWHAT LESSER EXTENT, CUSTOMS) ARE FAIRLY WELL DEVELOPED AND THAT F-2 HAS CAREER ADVANCEMENT SYSTEM WHICH REQUIRES PERIODIC TRAINING, INCLUDING INSTRUCTION ON NARCOTICS AS ONE ADVANCES TO HIGHER LEVEL OF NATIONAL POLICE. THE BASIC PROBLEM APPEARS TO BE THE NEED FOR SPECIALIZED, MID-LEVEL AND SUPERVISORY INSTRUCTION AND TRAINED COLOMBIAN INSTRUCTORS CAPABLE OF IMPLEMENTING SUCH A PROGRAM.

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3. GIVEN ABOVE SITUATION IT APPEARS THAT COLOMBIAN NATIONAL POLICE IS PRIME CANDIDATE TO ACHIEVE CCINC SUPPORTED OBJECTIVE OF DEVELOPING LOCAL CAPABILITY TO CONTINUE NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT TRAINING WITHOUT SIGNIFICANT FURTHER INPUT OF U.S. RESOURCES. U.S. ASSISTANCE IN FUTURE WOULD HELP PROMOTE COOPERATION AND PROVIDE INFO ON LATEST TECHNOLOGY AND TRAFFICKING TRENDS. WE NOTE THAT NCAP CALLS FOR AID NARCOTICS ADVISOR TO WORK WITH GOC AGENCIES IN IMPROVING THEIR OWN LONG-TERM DRUG ENFORCEMENT TRAINING PROGRAMS. SINCE NCAP POINTS OUT THAT FOLLOWING CONSULTATIONS WITH GOC AGENCIES IT WILL HAVE AN ESTIMATE OF TRAINING MATERIALS AND SPECIAL ASSISTANCE WHICH MAY BE NEEDED, WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING RESULTS OF DISCUSSIONS WITH GOC AND FIRM PLANS MISSION MAY HAVE FOR UPGRADING F-2 TRAINING CAPABILITIES SO WE CAN BEGIN PROGRAMMING RESOURCES AS REQUIRED TO SUPPORT THESE EFFORTS.

4. GIVEN PRIORITY OF COLOMBIAN PROGRAM, WE ARE WILLING SUPPORT ADDITIONAL IN-COUNTRY TRAINING FOR COLOMBIAN OVER IMMEDIATE FUTURE TO INSURE THAT ADEQUATE NUMBER OF TRAINED F-2 NARCOTICS UNIT PERSONNEL ARE AVAILABLE TO CARRY OUT EXPANDED ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM. WE ALSO WISH GIVE HIGH PRIORITY TO UPGRADING F-2S OWN NARCOTICS TRAINING FACILITIES.

5. DURING WASHINGTON TDY, SAIC GONZALEZ MENTIONED F-2 REQUEST FOR FOUR REPEAT FOUR IN-COUNTRY SCHOOLS IN NEAR FUTURE. REQUEST CONFIRMATION AND INFO WHETHER ALL PERSONNEL TO BE TRAINED WILL BE ASSIGNED TO F-2 NARCOTICS UNIT.

6. DEA PROVIDING DETAILS REGARDING FIRST TWO IN-COUNTRY SCHOOLS BY SEPTE6. KISSINGER

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